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OVERNIGHT FUND-RAISER FOR HOMELESS TOPS £30,000

An annual sponsored sleepout in aid of a Northampton-based centre which supports homeless and vulnerable people in the town, has raised a record-breaking £30,000.

A total of 98 people braved freezing and rainy conditions to take part in the overnight sleepout at Christ Church, in Abington, Northampton on January 31.

It is the sixth year the fund-raising event has been held and this week it was revealed the the total raised had smashed the previous record of £20,000.

Sue Wright, community fund-raiser at the Northampton Hope Centre, said: "These desperately-needed funds will be put towards our every-day running costs as we provide hot food, clothes and other support services for homeless or disadvantaged adults in the town.

"We are very grateful to the businesses, organisations and everyone who took part and helped raise money for this year's Big Sleepout.

"In particular we would like to recognise the support of local companies who supplied food, cardboard and thermal socks, including Co-op, Asda, Sainsburys, 3663, Heat Holders, The Park Café and the Parish Priest and Church Council at Christ Church, who kindly allowed us to use the churchyard and parish rooms."

Among the people who took part this year was Councillor David Mackintosh, leader of Northampton Borough Council, and deputy leader Councillor Mary Markham.

Councillor Mackintosh said: "Experiencing a little of what it means to be homeless and spending the night talking to people who were either homeless or had been homeless was an eye-opener."

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FUTURE VISION A computer-generated video shows the new train station in Northampton and further developments in the area

Quango comes to the end of its 10-year life

The last-ever board meeting of a Government quango set up to regenerate Northampton, Daventry and Towcester has been held, marking the end of the organisation's 10-year existence.

The West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC) has taken charge of all the major planning decisions in the Northampton area since it was established in 2004.

In its first few years of its existence WNDC struggled to make an impact in Northampton but helped deliver change to Daventry and Towcester, including the construction of the iCon building and the Moat Lane development.

From 2004 to 2009, the Government quango focused on delivering new homes and business space.

WNDC also invested in the Upton Flood Mitigation Scheme and the development of the Royal & Derngate theatre in Northampton.

However, in the past five years WNDC has switched its focus to more visible building projects in Northampton, including the new railway station, bus station and St John's halls of residence.

The other projects that make up WNDC's so-called 'Big Six' include the Avon Nunn Mills development, which is set to be the site of the new University of Northampton campus, and Project Angel, the new office development for Northamptonshire County Council.

Speaking at the last WNDC board meeting, chairman John Markham said: "You only have to walk into Northampton town centre to see the changes WNDC have made. Over the last five years we have really seen a lot of things happening."

Roger Mendonca, WNDC's chief operating officer said WNDC had invested around £120m in the transformation of West Northamptonshire over the past decade.

He said: "This has supported high-profile projects like the new Northampton Railway Station, as well as less prominent, but equally important work, spanning new roads, arts attractions and community facilities. With so many developments in full flow and even more to come, it's an uplifting time for the area."

Chris Garden, WNDC director of regeneration and Development said: "I think the long-term impact of our work in Northampton is going to be tremendous.

"The results may not be clear until around 10 years' time, when people will be able to look around them and see the transformation that has taken place."

Councillor David Mackintosh, leader of Northampton Borough Council, said it was an "end of an era for WNDC" but said he believed there would be a "smooth handover" of powers to the local authority.

WNDC board member Tim Hadland, who is also a Northampton Borough Council cabinet member for planning and regeneration, said the quango's work had left a great legacy for the local authority.

He said: "WNDC kept up business confidence in spite of the recession. It gave businesses the confidence to invest in Northampton and that puts us in a great position for the future."

WNDC 'won us over with successes'

CRITICS of the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation said they had been won over by the quango's success in recent years.

Conservative MP for Northampton south Brian Binley, who was a persistent critic of WNDC in its early years, said he believed the quango had done a good job, particularly in getting the new train station built.

He said: "I think WNDC listened to the views of the public and did a very good job delivering what they wanted.

"At the end of the day you have to be thankful for what they have done."

Northamptonshire County Councillor John McGhee, leader of the Labour group, said it took WNDC a while to get going but it ended up putting a lot of building projects in place.

He said: "I've never been a believer in quango's but WNDC has achieved a lot."

Brian Binley MP, left, and Labour leader, Councillor John McGhee

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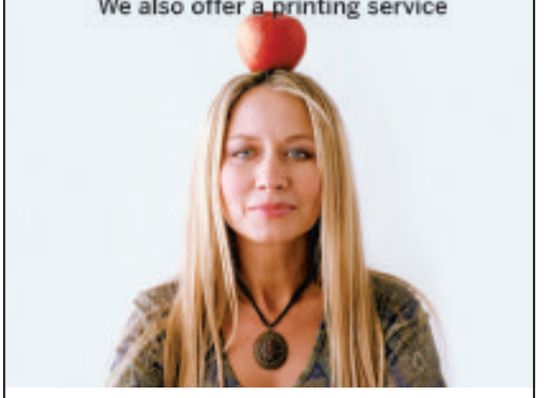

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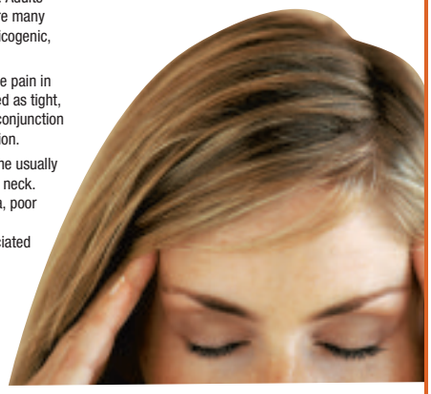

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Anger after police smash wrong door

Northamptonshire Police has apologised to a group of four housemates after "inaccurate information" resulted in officers smashing open their door as part of a drugs raid that went wrong.

Chantelle Esposito was out walking her dog shortly before 9am last Monday when three police cars and eight officers turned up outside her address.

Ms Esposito said she was returning to her property when she saw the officers smashing her door open.

In an attempt to stop them, Ms Esposito told them she had a key, but by that time the lock was already too badly damaged to use.

Once inside the property, the officers carried out a search of the address and briefly hand-cuffed her housemate, Sam Spencer.

After officers realised there were no drugs in the property, they left and arranged for the door to be "secured" but not replaced.

Ms Esposito said she believed the police had mistakenly raided their address because they were searching for someone who moved out of the property some time ago.

She said: "What worries me is that a judge gave them a warrant to come in.

"I don't think they carried out any surveillance on our property. I'm angry and upset. It honestly feels like we have been burgled and that is not something the police should do.

"We don't feel safe leaving the house unoccupied as the door still has three holes in it and could be easily broken into. It feels like they have come in and caused this massive problem and then walked away and shrugged their shoulders."

A spokesman for Northamptonshire Police said: "Acting on information, officers from our Safer Community Team attended a property and entered the building using a warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

"We forced entry into the property, but the information we had received proved to be inaccurate. We apologised for the disturbance caused and have arranged for the door to be repaired."

Drug raids

A cannabis factory containing 140 plants has been uncovered after Northamptonshire Police carried out a number of search warrants across the county on Monday.

Warrants under the Misuse of Drugs Act and Theft Act were executed at properties in Northampton, as well as in Wellingborough, Bozeat and Rushden on Wednesday, March 5.

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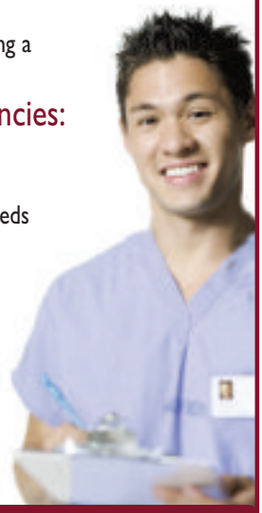

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Athletic club loses track for one year

The chairman of the a Northampton athletics club said it was "frustrating" young athletes had been left without a track in the town to train on for the next year.

The athletics club is currently based next to Sixfields Stadium, but is being forced to move out due to the redevelopment of the area.

The club is planning to move to a site at Moulton College which is expected to be finished by next spring.

Mark Exley, chairman of the Rugby and Northampton Athletics Club, said members would be using a variety of facilities in the Northampton area for training sessions until the Moulton facility was ready.

Mr Exley said the club would be using facilities at Caroline Chisholm School, Northamptonshire County Cricket Club and Campion School in Bugbrooke. Members would also use the club's other track facility in Rugby.

Mr Exley said: "It is not ideal as it breaks the club up and pushes people off in different directions.

"All our athletes will no longer be in the same place. We had a meteoric rise in the number of members before and after the London 2012 Olympics.

"There was a massive Olympic effect and we had a 30 per cent uplift in membership.

"It is an end of an era for us, as a lot of people have been training here for 20 years. It is frustrating we have this period without a town facility.

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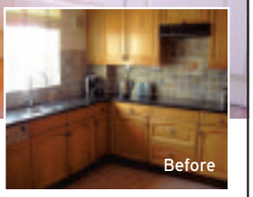

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Council will buy new £38k Mayoral car

A new £38,000 Jaguar XJ is being bought by Northampton Borough Council to replace the mayoral car which was written off in a crash.

The mayor's luxury car was badly damaged after a BMW allegedly collided with the rear of it while the vehicle was waiting in stationary traffic on the A5 in Weedon in October last year.

Councillor Les Marriott, the Mayor of Northampton who was in the vehicle at the time, said nobody was injured in the collision which caused extensive damage to the bumper of the Jaguar.

As a result of the damage to the car, which had been used by different mayors of Northampton for the past 14 years, the car was written off by insurers.

Councillor Marriott has since been using a range of vehicles to get to official engagements including a Ford Mondeo, Vauxhall Insignia, Range Rover and a Volkswagen Passat. He has also used Amber and Mayfair taxis to get round town.

Councillor Marriott said: "I think people expect the mayor to turn up to engagements in a prestigious vehicle. Before the crash the car had been off the road for quite a while [with another issue] and I have used various hire cars, taxis and I have driven myself. I say it was because of the number 13 in the year, but I have been unlucky for various reasons during my time as mayor."

A spokeswoman for Northampton Borough Council claimed there was no blame with the mayor's driver and the council's insurers were currently pursuing the third party's insurer to recover costs.

Written off : The mayor's official car and its NH1 number plate is a regular sght around Northampton

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Gangs throw objects from A45 bridges

Gangs of children aged as young as 10 have been throwing objects at cars travelling along the A45.

Police said there had been four incidents in the past month, with the latest taking place on the A45 near Earls Barton at about 9pm on Sunday, March 9.

The victim, who was travelling towards Wellingborough with her husband, said: "We didn't see anything on the bridge and before we knew it, there was this piece of concrete hurtling towards us.

"It hit the bonnet first and then ricocheted over. It dented and scratched the bonnet, it's damaged the wipers and damaged the screen.

"We were very shocked and the noise was incredible. We were so shocked and there are so many bridges along that stretch." She reported the incident to police, but added: "I don't think there's an awful lot the police can do. It's mindless and they don't appreciate what they have done. It's only because it's such a robust car there wasn't more damage."

Police went out to the bridge near the Mill Lane bridleway afterwards, but the youths had fled.

They were also called out the day before for two similar incidents on the A45 at Riverside, near Northampton, and one on the A45 near Stanwick on February 16.

Police went out on each occasion after motorists reported children aged between 10 and 14 were throwing objects at cars.

A spokesman for Northamptonshire Police said: "Throwing objects from bridges on to vehicles which are moving quickly below is extremely dangerous and can lead to serious accidents and even deaths.

"We believe gangs of young children are responsible for these incidents and they and their parents need to know that their behaviour could have very serious consequences both for them and the innocent drivers below.

"The last thing we want to see is anyone losing their life on Northamptonshire's roads because of the foolish behaviour of children who should know better."

While these incidents have not resulted in serious injury, it is not the first time this has happened.

HGV driver Laurence McCourt, 68, from the West Midlands, was killed instantly when a breezeblock smashed through the cab of his lorry on the A45 between Wellingborough and Doddington in July 2007.

Police said they were not necessarily linking the recent incidents due to the different locations, but are keen to hear from anyone with information by calling 101.

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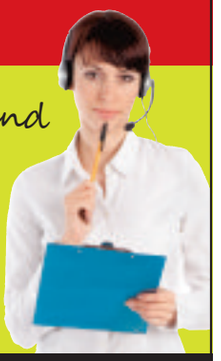

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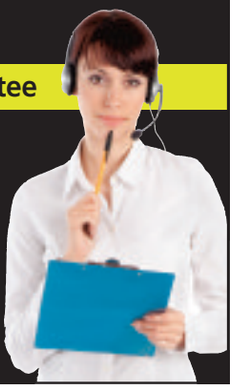

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Drivers past and present gathered for a reunion at the Greyfriars bus depot on the day it closed.

The event, organised by Suzanne Lawes, of Kingsthorpe Grove, Northampton, featured more than 40 current and former bus drivers, who got together to swap stories of life operating out of the 1976 building. Suzanne said: "It was really nice. When you think bus drivers can often do 60-hour weeks, to a lot of people this was their second home."

The Greyfriars bus station closed on March 1 as part of plans to develop the site and the adjoining Grosvenor Centre. The last bus left the site that evening and the operation transferred to the new North Gate bus station in the town centre, with some buses and coaches also using the Drapery and Victoria Street.

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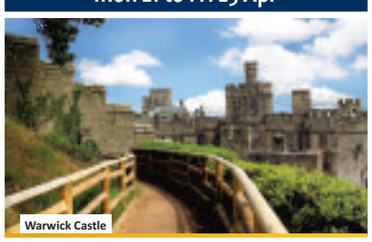
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Lorries will help say farewell to skips boss

A procession of lorries and Rolls Royces will mark the funeral of one of Northampton's most successful businessmen.

Ray Bell (right) and his Raybell & Sons premises, near Brixworth

Ray Bell, the founder of Raybell and Sons, which provides skip hire, waste and tarmac services, died aged 71 at Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

He came to Northampton 30 years ago and established a tarmaccing firm in Welford Road, Kingsthorpe.

But the businessman in him spotted an opportunity in a sideline that led to his name being well known in the town.

John Bell, one of his two sons, said: "He saw that we were always having trouble getting rid of waste from the tamaccing ourselves, and he thought others must be having the same trouble.

"That's why the company branched out and became what it is today."

The company now has a fleet of about 100 vehicles and well in excess of 1,500 skips.

John said: "He had a drive about him but he loved people most of all. The number of people he gave advice and direct financial help to must be in the thousands."

Mr Bell was involved in the business on a daily basis until about four months before his death.

His funeral service was taking place today, Thursday, at Kingsthorpe Village Church from 12.30pm, when more than 500 friends and family were expected.

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Hospital plan 'cannot come soon enough'

Plans to accelerate the renovation of the former St Edmund's Hospital site in Northampton were agreed by the borough council, amid claims by neighbours the 176-year-old building was overrun by rats, drug users and squatters.

St Edmund's Hospital in Wellingborough Road was closed in 1999

The authority is now set to work with English Heritage to bring the site back into an 'appropriate use' with the aim of submitting a planning application by the end of the year.

Leader of the Northampton Borough Council, David Mackintosh (*Con, Rectory Farm*) said: "The site has been neglected for far too long and local residents have had to put up with this for longer than they should have, until now. We are finally making some progress."

Conservative and Liberal Democrats councillors voted against a Labour motion to consider using compulsory purchase powers to buy the Wellingborough Road buildings and land – once used as a workhouse in the 19th Century – outright without the need for permission from its owners, Kayalef Holdings, of Cyprus.

The residents of the PEMBA estate, which surrounds the former hospital, which closed in 1999, said any renovation could not come soon enough.

In the public speaking section of the meeting, Heather Murtagh, of Exeter Place, said: "We have a problem with rats, pigeons and feral cats breeding. A number of squatters are living there, who subsequently attract drug dealers, drinkers and prostitution, which spills over on to the estate, where these people defecate and urinate on nearby properties."

Chairman of the St Edmunds Residents' Association, Anne Wishart, said neighbours' quality of life had suffered so much during 13 years 'of hell', they should be recompensed part of their council tax.

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Sun backs sisters' breast cancer campaign

A national breast cancer campaign launched by two sisters from Northamptonshire has received thousands of messages of support after it was launched in The Sun.

The national newspaper has worked with CoppaFeel! to label Tuesdays as 'Check' Em Tuesday' and has included front page coverage, supplements, columns and articles.

CoppaFeel! was founded by sisters Kristin and Maren Hallenga, from Daventry.

It marks the start of a six-month campaign which will run in *The Sun* every Tuesday.

Kristin, who was diagnosed with incurable breast cancer five years ago, said: "Why are we not being educated how to protect ourselves from cancer in the same way that we learn to clean our teeth? More commitment towards prevention and early detection is needed.

"By working with *The Sun*, we can raise awareness of breast cancer among a huge new audience. As a small charity, that is a big deal. Women check their weight more often than their breasts and nearly one in five ignore signs of cancer when they recognise them, hoping it will just go away.

"The main reason why I am so excited about this campaign is that, ultimately, we can have a huge impact on survival rates and the way that cancer awareness and breast awareness is viewed in the UK.

"When I was told I had cancer, my immediate thought was 'I am 23 and I am going to die'.

"But I am still here (cross fingers and touch wood) and I have news for you: Cancer is treatable and beatable.

"If I had met someone like me when I was at school, college or university, I might not be in the predicament I am in now – where I have to go into hospital every month for treatment and take a daily cocktail of drugs.

"So go on...CoppaFeel! Your life may depend on it,"

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Valuable work of CoppaFeel

- **CoppaFeel! was set up to raise awareness of breast cancer among young people.**
- **The charity takes its message to places where young people feel comfortable. It does talks at schools or workplaces, goes to universities, music festivals and more, all to raise awareness of the disease and early detection.**
- **The BraHijack campaign urges manufacturers to sew labels into bras to remind women to check their breasts regularly.**
- **Kristin won a Pride of Britain Award in 2009 for her campaign.**
- **CoppaFeel! has a raft of celebrity patrons, including athlete and adventurer Sarah Outen, singer Newton Faulkner, TV and radio presenter Dermot O'Leary, and Radio One DJ Fearne Cotton.**
- **The charity has organised its own events, including music festival Festifeel.**
- **Launching Check 'Em Tuesday, Kristin also appeared on ITV's Lorraine on Tuesday morning, and encouraged Twitter users and celebrities to get involved.**

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The Logan MCV – which stands for Maximum Capacity Vehicle – is a no-nonsense load lugger built for the man or woman who knows a bargain when it parks in front of them.

A little shorter than a Focus Estate, it packs more load space than the Ford with the rear seats flat or folded.

Walk down to the other end of the Logan and, if it's the car tested here, you'll discover an engine also found in the newest version of the Renault Clio and which shares its layout with the latest thinking of everyone from Ford to BMW.

It's a lively, gently humming peach of a thing to drive and makes this workaday machine a surprising pleasure.

The Logan has a simple, unadorned design. Building simple helps keep things going in the longer term.

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Sometimes simpler is just better. It simply is.

FACTFILE

PRICE: £8,595

DRIVETRAIN: 0.9 litre 90hp petrol engine, 5-speed gearbox

PERFORMANCE: Top speed 109mph 0-62mph 11.1 seconds

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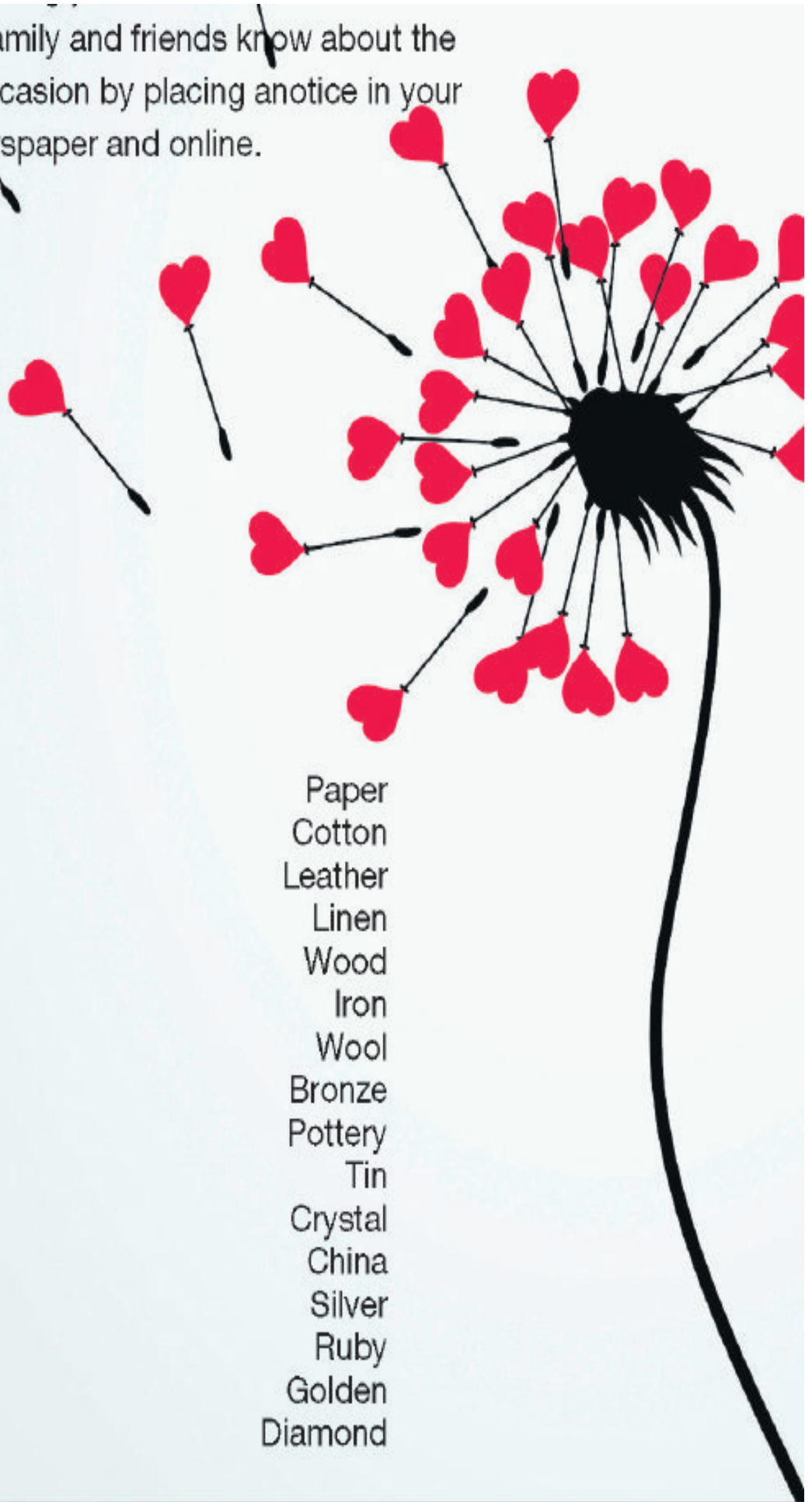

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SPORT

Waller: We will bounce back

Alex says Saints won't let LV= Cup defeat define their season

JOY AND PAIN - the despondent Saints players look on as Exeter Chiefs lift the LV= Cup following the Devon side's 15-8 win at Sandy Park on Sunday

PICTURE: LINDA DAWSON

Alex Waller has urged Saints not to let the LV= Cup final defeat define their season.

Northampton suffered a 15-8 loss against Exeter Chiefs at the west country outfit's Sandy Park home on Sunday.

It was a fourth final defeat in as many years for Saints, but they remain in the hunt for Aviva Premiership and Amlin Challenge Cup glory.

And Waller wants his teammates to bounce back quickly as they bid to end their four-year wait for a trophy.

"We've just got to take it as it comes," said the loosehead prop. "Exeter played some fantastic rugby and they won the trophy fair and square.

"It hurts the boys and it hurts me to do this interview after losing, but we can't let it define our season.

"We have to learn from this and move on."

Saints, who return to Aviva Premiership action at Sale on Saturday, had enjoyed a 13-match winning streak going into the LV= Cup final, but that was ruined by a determined Exeter side.

SAINTS

Waller felt he and his teammates put in a below-par performance and was left to rue one that got away.

"The lads are disappointed but if we take a hard, honest look at ourselves we just didn't turn up as we should have done," he said.

"I can't question the commitment from the lads, I just don't think that accuracy was there for us.

"Credit to Exeter, they did play some very good rugby and we did struggle to defend against it. Not taking anything away from them, but I don't think we were at our best."

Meanwhile, Jim Mallinder has stressed Saints must secure home advantage in the Aviva Premiership play-off semi-finals.

Sunday's defeat at Exeter reaffirmed the importance of home comforts in one-off matches.

And Saints are now eager to make sure they secure a top-two spot in the Premiership standings.

Mallinder's men are currently top of the table, two points clear of second-placed Saracens and 15 ahead of Bath and Leicester, who are joint third.

And the Saints boss said: "The Premiership is key for us.

We're top of the league at the moment and we've really got to see if we can get that home semi-final because, as we found on Sunday, that home advantage does make a difference."

Wilder excited by Sixfields redevelopment

COBBLERS

ALTHOUGH the Cobblers' on-field situation remains uncertain, solid progress off the pitch was met with an excited response by manager Chris Wilder this week.

When he was presented to the press for the first time, in the final week of January, Wilder commented that the club's plans to expand Sixfields were one of the key reasons behind what was seen by many as a strange career move from promotion-chasing Oxford United.

At that point the overhaul of the functional but tired community stadium had been on the agenda of chairman David Cardoza for a period of almost 11 years and at a cost of several million pounds.

But last Friday, ground was broken behind the east stand, where demolition will soon begin and the building of a new stand, complete with much more modern hospitality facilities, will start. The £12m scheme includes plans for a conference centre, a gym, offices and around 300 new houses and shops.

It should be ready in time for next season and Wilder said: "We all knew about the development and there are not many clubs at this level that are looking to expand – a lot of them are pulling back, whether that be the youth team or the budget, because times are hard.

"It's a tough world out there but we're looking to move forward. The ambition of the chairman in what he was doing came across when he spoke to me. When you see something like that happening it gets you going and the players should respond too."

The Cobblers are on the road on Saturday when they travel to Morecambe in Sky Bet League Two, before hosting Wimbledon next Tuesday.

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